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## NEWS RELEASE

### INSURANCE AGENT CHARGED WITH SECURITIES FRAUD, LYING

December 21, 2005 . . . Salt Lake City, UT. Francine A. Giani, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce today announced that the Utah Attorney General had filed criminal charges against Ronald Dean Udy, age 66, of Brigham City with four felony counts of securities violations. He is charged with two counts of securities fraud, one count of selling securities without being licensed, and one count of making false statements in documents filed with the state.

The charges surround Udy selling promissory notes from a Brigham City company he formed called Strategic Assets, LLC. Udy borrowed \$450,000 from investors for Strategic Assets in 2003 and 2004, issuing promissory notes to the investors. The state alleges that Udy omitted to disclose material information to those investors when soliciting money. These notes were sold after Udy's license to sell securities was revoked by the Utah Division of Securities on October 9, 2003. The charge of making false statements related to Udy's written declaration, in December 2002, that he had not issued promissory notes other than the ones disclosed to the Division of Securities. In fact, investigators later discovered that there had been at least five other notes issued by Udy that had not been disclosed and where Udy had not made restitution.

Udy will be arraigned within the next few weeks and a trial date set. If convicted, he could be sentenced to up to 15 years and ordered to pay restitution.

*Note: Defendants are presumed innocent until the case has gone to trial.*